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C. F. TOWN, Esq.—Dear Sir:—Your name has been proposed as a suitable one to occupy a place in our "Portraits and Memoirs of eminent Americans" now living, of which several volumes have already been published. This great work has been received with much favor everywhere, and contains many of the first names in the country. For further information of its general scope and plan, I beg to refer you to a circular herewith sent. Our portraits are engraved on steel, by the first artists, so that the likenesses are true and life-like representations of their originals, possessing greater value to the subjects and their friends than the most costly paintings.

You are respectfully solicited to occupy a place in the pages of this work. Should your consent afford us the opportunity of thus giving to the world a true and accurate portrait of your life and features, please send me your likeness (a good daguerreotype of the same size as our portraits is, best), so that it may be handed over to our engravers.

Please cause to be sent to me also, a memoir of yourself, or such facts as will enable me to prepare it, and I will not forget to say, that the facts for the sketch should be fully and accurately given.

I hope you will send both the daguerreotype and memoir at your earliest convenience, as we have a volume in progress, and wish to avoid delay. Hoping to hear from you, I am, yours truly,

JOHN LIVINGSTON.

DEAR SIR: The above communication reached me last week, and in reply, I beg leave to state, that I have ever done anything worthy of the immortality yet assigned is likely to confer upon me, I am not conscious of it. However, as true merit is always modest, it may be to that virtue that I owe my ignorance, at all events, (and I am anxious the world at large should know it,) I have not sought fame, but fame has sought me, as Alexander Smith the poet would say.

"Fame! Fame! next grandest word to God!"

In taking a retrospect of my early days, I can discern nothing worthy of record, except the stealing of a few apples from a school, for which I was beaten with many stripes, or the riding of a few quarter races, for which I received an occasional and solitary ginger cake, or adventures of similar import.

At 17, I ran away from my venerable old Guardian, the Rev. Hansford Dade Duncan, (long life to him) and vanished to the great far west, where I made a business of the chase, for a short time only, and upon returning I lost all of my money upon a game vulgarly called "poker," (of which of course, you know nothing) upon one of the boats of the Alabama river. This was about the time the Ben Franklin burst, and killed so many, and had I not been standing near the story of the vessel, you would never have had the opportunity of handing my name, fac simile, character, and adventures, to come to an eager perusal in the columns of your justly celebrated magazine.

I returned to my own, my native land, fundless, and perhaps somewhat seedy in appearance, and run for 1st Lieut. in a distinguished militia company, but was unfortunately beaten by the loss of one vote, by my worthy competitor.

In the year of our Lord 1849, my illustrious friend Thos. D. Condy, gave me the office of Assistant Deputy U. S. Marshal for the District of Barwell, and while taking the Census, I killed one horse and another ran away and broke my buggy, upon which occasion, I rode my horse bare back 14 miles in 40 minutes, of which fact, Col. B. H. Brown is a living witness.

After I had concluded this herculean undertaking, a man calling himself "C. Frank Powell," wrote to me from Washington that if I would forward a certain amount of money to him, he would prosecute my claims for an increase of pay sufficient to cover these immense disasters, but I grieve to say that from the time I sent the money I have not heard a word from the aforesaid and never-to-be-forgotten C. Frank Powell, he probably having gone to parts unknown. However, I still entertain strong hopes of seeing his distinguished name and fac simile in your widely circulated magazine.

Last year I ran for Tax Collector in this important Township, and was beaten so badly by a base combination, of which I was wholly unconscious until a few moments before the closing of the polls, that I have not since entirely recovered my equanimity. As a salvo, however, to this disaster, and just at this crisis, my distinguished but benighted friend, the Hon. James Campbell, Post-Master General, gave me the Post-office at this place, the duties of which, I may without vanity say, I have discharged to the complete and entire satisfaction of the whole community.

My friends are anxious to secure for me the distinguished honor you have so politely tendered, and as a reward for my various and arduous services, are now busily engaged in raising a subscription for the purpose of defraying the expenses attendant upon this momentous affair. I allude to the engraving of my portrait. They have already appointed a committee to secure the services of a competent artist for the all absorbing occasion, and as soon as the picture is completed, I will forward it to your address.

Permit me to express the hope that you will delay the publication of the next number of your magazine until it makes its advent.

I avail myself of this opportunity to assure you of the distinguished considerations with which I remain, Dear Sir,

Your grateful and ob't. servant,
C. F. TOWN, Postmaster,
At Barnwell, C. H., S. C.
JOHN LIVINGSTON, Esq., 167 Broadway, N. Y.

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At a Democratic meeting, held in the town of Danbury, on the 19th ult., Wm. A. Mitchell, Esq., having been called to the Chair, and John F. Riddick requested to act as Secretary, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, it becomes necessary, in accordance with the Constitution of our State, to elect representatives to the 15th Congress of August next, and whereas, the General Assembly of North Carolina, and whereas, it has by general consent been agreed by the Democratic party of the counties of Stokes and Forsyth, that a Convention of said party be held at Germantown, on the 10th day of June next, to nominate a Democratic candidate to represent said counties, composing the 43rd Senatorial District of North Carolina, in the next Congress, therefore:

Resolved, That the Chairman of this meeting appoint five delegates from each taxable district in Stokes county, to represent their respective districts in the Germantown Convention.

Under which resolution, the Chairman made the following appointments, to wit:—

Richmond District—J. W. Spainhour, William Stone, John Grabbs, E. L. Edwards, and Jesse A. Gordon.

Quaker Gap District—M. T. Smith, James M. Dearman, Richard Smith, Richard Cox, and Mark A. Smith.

Peter's Creek District—Dr. Jno. Q. A. Beasley, Silas Tucker, Francis Hall, John Brown, and J. G. Martin.

Snow Creek District—Peter Hutchinson, John Hawkins, Capt. Hiram Smith, S. H. Poor, and Wm. J. Moore.

Beaver Island District—John Martin, Wm. Ward, Jr., Adam Mitchell, Hamilton Seales, and Anderson Carter.

Sawtoe District—Jas. Carter, Arch' W. Davis, N. B. Gibson, Joseph Pugh, J. W. T. Roberson, G. M. Gibson, Joseph Pugh, J. W. T. Roberson, Peter Tuttle, Valet Hill, and Wm. Tuttle.

Shore's Reed District—Geo. Wilson, J. F. Hill, James Warren, Col. W. Kizer, and James U. South.

Meadow District—Jeremiah Martin, Jas. Tuttle, Asa Neal, Mitchell Smith, and C. W. McNally. Buck Island—Col. A. J. Stedman, John F. Riddick, J. B. Young, James Fincham, and Pendleton Nelson.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING IN FORSYTH.

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